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Dear Mr Galalae,

I have looked through the postings on the Political Philosophy online course forum for 1 – 3 June 2009.

It is clear to me that your posting on 1 June at 11.47 pm provoked a sharp response from Gloria Portella on 2 June at 01.45 am. This in turn gave rise to your own aggressive posting of 2 June at 03.03 am. A number of your fellow students took exception to that posting.

It is, regrettably, easy for online discussions to become aggressive, which is why we emphasise at the start of course the importance of all students adhering to the netiquette protocol.

In my judgement you overstepped the mark with your postings. The administrator was correct to remove your access to the forum. I am sorry that we have had to take this decision. It is, however, for the good of the class as a whole. I will ask the administrator to arrange for your fee to be refunded in full.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Public Programmes